

REMARKS

Applicant requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the objection to the specification in view of the above amendments thereto which conform to those suggested by the Examiner.

Applicant also requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the objections to claims 1, 4, and 10 in view of the above cancellation of those claims, and the replacement of those claims with the above new claims 12-19 which are drafted to overcome each and every one of the Examiner's stated grounds in support of the objections.

Applicant also respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, in view of the above new claims 12-19 which are drafted to overcome each and everyone of the stated grounds in support of this rejection.

New claim 12 is allowable claim 11 (11/1) written in independent form and amended to overcome the above claim objections and rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. New dependent claims 13-19 correspond to the canceled claims 2-7 and 10, and also are amended to overcome the above claim objections and the rejection 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Thus, Applicant also respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 103(a).

In summary, then, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw all objections and rejections, and to find the application to be in condition for allowance with all of **claims 12-19**; however, if for any reason the Examiner Benne feels that the

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application is not now in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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